

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

The Sewing Craze Surely Has Got Them Bad



OLD AND NEW BASEBALL TO CLASH IN COMING SERIES

Boston Braves Average Two Years Younger Than Athletics and Methods of Teams Are in Striking Contrast. Players Eligible for Contests

New York, Oct. 3.—When the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Braves go into action in the twenty-third series for the world's championship baseball honors the diamond campaign will be fought out by teams which represent the old and new in the national sport. Although the average age of the leading players of the two combinations is not widely separated, the Athletics' machine is so famous and its success so striking that it appears old by comparison with the squad that George Stallings whipped in shape in midsummer and thus won a pennant for Boston. Taking twenty odd players of the two teams as a basis it will be found that the average age of the Athletics is 26½ years and the Braves 24½ years.

While less than two years in average age separates the teams the extremes are more marked in the Athletics than the Braves. Plank, Bender, Coombs, Olding, Lapp, and Thomas are all past thirty, but the majority of those who will figure in the daily line-up are several years under this age.

Wide Range of Ages.
The three youngest players in the squad are the pitchers, Bush, Pennock and Wyckoff. The American league representatives have the advantage in years of baseball experience for the Philadelphia club players average fully a year more in time spent upon the diamond than the Boston players. The Braves' average is approximately five years with Johnny Evers heading the list with twelve years of play. The point of professional service Plank leads the Athletics with thirteen years of baseball play and experience at his back. Bender is but one year behind him. Several others just fall short of double figures in their diamond career. As a result the Athletics average is six years notwithstanding the fact that a number of comparative youngsters are marshalled under the Philadelphia flag.

The team which will act as the standard bearers of the National league, is an interesting combination of the youth and the age of the diamond.

Extremes Blended.
In some cases extremes have been blended by Manager Stallings in artful manner to make of the Braves a winning team. This fact is illustrated in two notable cases. Principal figures in the scheme of attack and defense which enabled the Braves to win to the front of the stirring race in the National league, Johnny Evers, veteran

SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

"Rube" Marquard came very near to turning his record of 19 straight victories upside down by losing that number of games in a row.

Crawth, Magee, Luderus and Becker of the Phillies compose the greatest quartet of home-run hitters in baseball, but they have been unable to wall-top their team into a championship.

A fine chance for "hunch" players is found in the fact that a Boston club

has never been defeated in any important post-season series.

In winning the International league pennant the Providence team topped off a season of fine ball playing with a classy finish.

According to the Giants line of talk, any team that beats them is lucky. About time that McGraw and his men put the old alibi away in moth balls.

E. M. (Ted) Lewis, who was a member of the Boston National champions of 1897-98, is now dean of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst.

For the past two seasons the Winston-Salem Carolina league champs, a Class D outfit, has defeated the Virginia league (Class C) pennant winners in post-season series.

The same old stuff. A story is going the rounds to the effect that the Tigers laid down in the games with the Red Sox in order that the Sox might gain on the Athletics.

Hinke, of Yale, probably will be field judge at the Harvard-Michigan game Oct. 31.

Tom Enwright, Exeter's star of last year, who has been called the greatest schoolboy football player in America, is now at Yale.

Manager George Murray of Princeton says the new stadium field at Nassau will be ready for use on Nov. 14.

BASEBALL

STANDINGS OF THE TEAMS.

American League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	97	51	.656
Boston	90	59	.604
Washington	78	72	.520
Detroit	78	73	.516
Chicago	70	81	.465
St. Louis	69	81	.460
New York	63	92	.402
Cleveland	51	100	.338

National League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	90	57	.612
New York	81	68	.544
St. Louis	79	69	.534
Chicago	76	73	.509
Philadelphia	72	76	.486
Brooklyn	72	76	.487
Pittsburgh	66	83	.443
Cincinnati	59	91	.393

Federal League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	84	64	.568
Indianapolis	81	65	.555
Baltimore	78	67	.538
Buffalo	76	67	.527
Brooklyn	74	72	.507
Kansas City	65	79	.451
Pittsburgh	60	81	.426
St. Louis	61	84	.421

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

American League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia, Oct. 3.—A make-shift team again represented Philadelphia against Washington yesterday and the latter had some trouble in winning. Harper struck out twelve batters, nine of these being in the first five innings.	R H E		
Washington	210010000	4	7
Philadelphia	000210000	3	5

National League.	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	000010000	1	7
Chicago	010201000	5	8
Batteries—James, Levern, Hoch and Agnew, Wolfstang and Schalk.			

National League.	W.	L.	Pct.
New York, Oct. 3.—New York turned the tables on Boston yesterday and easily took the fourth game of the series.	R H E		
Boston	201010010	5	9
New York	120300410	11	5

Federal League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn 2; Baltimore 1.			

when the Tigers meet the Yale team. Clarke, Penn State's punter, is already getting off drives of 60 yards. Penn State can always be relied upon to develop one or more gridiron stars. Harvard and Yale students will be allowed to make application for four instead of two seats for the Yale-Harvard game. Two seats have been the limit for several years past.

The Johnny Kilbane-Abe Attell bout, which was to take place Oct. 13, has been indefinitely postponed, because of an injury Kilbane received by being thrown from a horse.

Packey McFarland has retired from the ring for good. He intends to devote his time in future to looking after his wife's interest in an Illinois brewery inherited by her from her father.

THE CRACKING OF THE GIANTS

Figures Show Weakness in McGraw's Outfit This Season

New York, Oct. 3.—The once mighty Giants have faded. The nerve-racking pace of a tight pennant race, in which they hoped to annex their fourth straight National league championship, has had its effect and the old Giant machine has gone to pieces under the strain.

A variety of reasons are advanced for the collapse of the McGraw henchmen. The loss of Herzog and McCormick, who were members of last year's team, the falling down in batting among the regulars, and the failure of Marquard and Demaree to pitch up to their 1913 form, all seem to contribute to the slump of the old champions.

A comparison of the pitching records of 1913 and 1914 shows that Mathewson and Touseau are the only New York flunkies who have been able to duplicate this season their performances of last year. Mathewson has not quite equaled his 1913 mark, but Touseau has surpassed his record of last year.

Pitchers Fall Down.
In contrast to the good work of "Matty" and "Big Jeff" the pitching of Demaree and Marquard has been a bitter disappointment to Gotham fans this season, since great reliance had been placed on this pair of heavies to add to the list of victories.

Last season Demaree and Marquard pitched wonderful ball, the former winning 23 out of 29 games and the last-named copping 23 out of 32 games pitched. The records of the pair for this season show they have lost double of games they have won.

This reversal in pitching form on the part of the two stars was enough in itself to put the skids under the Giants. But in addition, McGraw has had to contend with weak hitting on the part of his regulars. While the Giants surpass the Braves in team-batting, the individual batting marks of the New Yorkers, with the exception of Burns, Grant and Bescher, are below the percentages turned in last season.

Vets Weak at Bat.
"Chief" Meyers, who hit for .312 in 1913, has hit around the .270 mark this year. Fletcher also has hit for about .270, with a last year's average of .297. Snodgrass, with a mark of .291 last season, has been hitting for .244 this year, while McLean has dropped from .286 in 1913 to .259 in 1914. The stick work of Captain Larry Doyle also has suffered a slump. Doyle's batting average of .280 last year has shrunk to .266. Murray and Merkle are two more of the Giant regulars who have failed in effective batting. The former's mark of .267 last season has dropped to .213, and Merkle's average has fallen from .261 to .249.

Of the three Giants who have bettered their batting averages this year, the greatest climb has been made by Grant, who has advanced from .211 in 1913 to .307 this year. Burns has boosted his figures from .258 to .292 and Bescher has gone up from .258 to .277.

McGraw Will Rebuild.
Another apparent weakness in the Giants' game is in the pinch-hitting department. Harry McCormick, who managed the Chattanooga team this season, was the pinch-hitter for the Giants last year and closed the season with a batting average of .276. This season Mike Donlin, in his day one of the greatest batters in the game, was engaged to fill McCormick's place.

But Mike has failed to live up to his reputation as a pinch-hitter, his batting average being less than .290.

The foregoing are the facts and figures in regard to the slump of the Giants. But in some quarters other causes are advanced for the downfall of the old champions. Some say that the winning of three pennants caused the team to become "cheaty." Believing they had a cinch on the flag this year they took things easy and when the time came for them to show the punch or lose—they lost.

New York fans will not be surprised if several of the present regulars are either benched or released when the 1915 season opens next April. Manager McGraw has a dozen promising recruits awaiting the chance to get into the regular lineup, and it is more

GETS DOCTOR'S DEGREE.

Brown's Player Uses World's Series Cash For Education.

New York, Oct. 3.—Dr. John Lavan, who is shortstop for the Browns, has met one world's record. He is the only ball player who ever took the degree of doctor of medicine after participating in a world's series. Lavan belonged to the Browns last year, but was traded to Connie Mack with the agreement that he should be returned to the Browns this season.

So Johnny drew \$3,000 for being on the Athletics' payroll, although he did no playing against the Giants in the championship contests. Then he returned to the University of Michigan and got his diploma as a doctor.

Lavan has always been a good fielder, but until recently he was a batter with a nifty average of about .085. Then he was injured when an opposing player's spikes cut his hand and took an enforced layoff.

Young Shugrue has signed to box three more bouts in Australia. The Jersey lightweight will get \$4,000, or the privilege of 25 per cent of the receipts.

Leach Cross and Gilbert Gallant will probably meet at the Atlas A. A. Boston, on Oct. 13.

than likely that he will give some of them an opportunity to show what they can do. At present the old Giant machine looks to be on the rocks and it is evidently in up to McGraw to rebuild the outfit with some of the material now doing bench duty.

TY COBB'S BIG LEAD REDUCED

Georgian Peach Has Comfortable Margin Yet, However

Chicago, Oct. 3.—Jake Daubert is the real leader of the batters of the National league, according to averages published here today, for the Brooklyn player's average of .321 was made in 123 games while the two batters ahead of him, Erwin, Brooklyn, with .348, and Steele, Brooklyn, .342, have played in only twenty and twenty-one games respectively. The remaining three hundred hitters of the Nationals are Beck, Philadelphia, .327; Dolson, Brooklyn, .324; Magee, Philadelphia, .322; Stenoch, Brooklyn, .316; Connolly, Boston, .315; Wheat, Brooklyn, .312; Puckett, Chicago, .304; Burns, New York, .302; Haxman, Chicago, .299; Gravath, Philadelphia, has tied Sauer, Chicago, in number of home runs with 18. Burns, New York, leads in stolen bases, with 26.

Leading pitchers, including those having pitched 25 games and ranked according to wins and losses are James, Philadelphia, 33; Jackson, Cleveland, 33; Speaker, Boston, 33; Hobbitt, Boston, 32; Crawford, Detroit, 32; 17 and 8.

McInnis, Philadelphia, 31; Baker, Philadelphia, 31; Fournier, Chicago, 31; Cree, New York, 31; U. Walker, St. Louis, 31; Roth, Chicago, 30. Baker leads in home runs, with nine, and Maise, New York, has most stolen bases—60. Leading pitchers are Bender, Philadelphia, 17 and 8; Leonard, Boston, 19 and 8; Caldwell, New York, 17 and 8.

LOST?

\$696,967,261.00--

Before the first guns had thundered forth their message of European strife, America had begun to pay the penalty of fear and uncertainty. In one short week the quotations of 105 leading American securities had shrunk \$696,261.00.

But it was not a shrinkage of American making. It was a result of the desire of European security holders to trade their securities for cash. Cash is a handy thing in war times.

War means ordinarily peaceful merchants shooting guns at normally peaceful farm hands; factory operatives busily engaged in salubrious machinists; baker boys galloping madly about on horses which ought to be hauling bread.

Business and War have nothing in common. When war stalks abroad Business goes elsewhere, and Money is the boon companion of business.

When Europe sold back to us millions of dollars of securities it was in an effort to obtain money with which to later purchase from us some of the things Europe must have. Europe is an old customer of ours, but she is expecting to buy now more largely than ever before and her \$300,000,000 income from globe-trotting Americans will probably be missing this coming year.

Meanwhile, Europe has been compelled to shut up her own shop. There are new faces looking at us across our counters and fingering our goods. Europe used to number them among her customers.

Let's straighten up the counters and dust off the shelves. It looks as if business was going to be brisk and we might as well be ready. And if it is necessary to hire extra help to look after trade, we'd better start looking around for it now.

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